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Hongkong, August 16, 1880.

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RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 20th APRIL, 1862.

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WILLIAM FORREST, Manager.

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At 3 months' notice 3 1/2 per annum.

" 6 " " 4 " "

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Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. ERNST LUDWIG REUTER has been authorized to sign our Firm per Procuration.

PUSTAU & Co.

Hongkong, October 18, 1880. no18

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed SOLE AGENTS of the ELLIOTT'S METAL COMPANY, Birmingham, for Hongkong and China.

MELCHERS & Co.,

Hongkong, Sept. 13, 1880. del3

Entertainment.

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A CONCERT will be given in the St. Andrew's Hall, CITY HALL, ON

FRIDAY EVENING,

the 19th Instant, to commence at Nine p.m. punctually.

Tickets (Price \$2) can be obtained from Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., on and after TUESDAY, the 16th Instant.

The following will be the Programme:—

1.—Pianoforte Solo, Mrs. DE ROSETTE.

2.—Song, "Hark ye, Comrades (Bells)," Mrs. COLES.

3.—Song, "Sweet Bird," Mrs. COLES.

4.—Song, "The Wanderer," Mr. WINTERBORN.

5.—Song, "The Voice of the Sea," Mrs. COLES.

6.—Song, "Robert, toi que j'aime (Meyerbeer)," Mrs. MEYER.

An Interval of Ten Minutes.

PART II.

(SELECTIONS FROM HANDEL'S "SERENATA," "ACIS AND GALATHEA.")

1.—Chorus, "Oh, the pleasure of the Plains," Mrs. COLES.

2.—Solo, "As when the dove laments her love," Mrs. COLES.

3.—Solo, "Clarry Woe," Mr. WINTERBORN.

4.—Solo, "The Cherry," Mrs. COLES.

5.—Chorus, "Galathea, dry thy tears," Mrs. COLES.

A. P. STOKES, Hon. Sec., H.K. Choral Society.

Hongkong, November 16, 1880. no20

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ON

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Back Seats, \$1

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Hongkong, November 15, 1880. no21

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

EXSHAW'S BRANDY, First Quality.

Second Quality.

GILMAN & Co.

Hongkong, October 22, 1880. de22

FOR SALE.

MUNTZ PATENT YELLOW METAL SHEATHING.

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Hongkong, July 23, 1880.

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Hongkong, December 6, 1879.

For Sale.

KELLY & WALSH

HAVE JUST RECEIVED

CHRISTMAS CARDS:—

LETTERS DIARIES for 1881.

Perry's "Navies of the World."

Hamerton's "Etching and Etchers."

"Hand book of Architectural Styles."

"The Englishman's House."

Dickens's "Speeches."

"Carols of Cockayne."

Bergin's "Marine Engineer."

Roper's "Engineer's Handy-book."

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Dickens's "Works" Complete, 18 Vols. in Cases.

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Hongkong, November 18, 1880.

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OLIVE OIL from CASTELL DEL MAS and CAMPO DE TABARRONA.

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ECA DA SILVA & Co.

Hongkong, November 10, 1880.

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Quarts, \$16 per doz. Case.

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Hongkong, November 11, 1880.

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Hongkong, Sept. 1, 1880. 11a81

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Hongkong, September 13, 1880.

Intimations.

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The lowest or any Tender will not be necessarily accepted.

E. B. JOREY, Naval Storekeeper.

H. M. Naval Yard, Hongkong, November 2, 1880. no18

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The issues of 1878 WANTED.

Apply at this Office.

Hongkong, October 4, 1880.

NOTICE.

THE Public are warned against receiving FIVE DOLLAR NOTES of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, numbered 122001 to 122000, dated 23rd May 1879, and signed by Edward, Cashier, and R. A. Nelson, pro Accountant, these Notes having been Stolen.

For the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 31, 1880.

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FROM NOBEL'S EXPLOSIVES CO., LIMITED, GERMANY, can be had in any Quantity on application to THE BORNEO Co., Ltd. Agents.

Intimations.

THE CHINA REVIEW.

THE widely-expressed regret at the discontinuance of *Notes & Queries on China and Japan*, has induced the publishers of this journal to issue a publication similar in object and style, but slightly modified in certain details.

THE CHINA REVIEW, or *Notes and Queries on the Far East*, is issued at intervals of two months, each number containing about 60 octavo pages, occasionally illustrated with lithographs, photographs, woodcuts, &c., should the papers published demand, and the circulation justify, such extra matter.

The subscription is fixed at \$6.50 postage paid, per annum, payable by non-residents in Hongkong half-yearly in advance.

The publication includes papers original and selected upon the Arts and Sciences, Ethnology, Folklore, Geography, History, Literature, Mythology, Manners and Customs, Natural History, Religion, &c., of China, Japan, Mongolia, Tibet, the Eastern Archipelago, and the Far East generally. A more detailed list of subjects upon which contributions are especially invited is incorporated with each number.

Original contributions in Chinese, Latin, French, German, Spanish, Italian or Portuguese, are admissible. Endeavour is made to present a résumé in each number of the contents of the most recent works bearing on Chinese matters. Great attention is also paid to the Review department.

Notes and Replies are classified together as "Notes" (head references being given, when furnished, to previous Notes or Queries), as are also those queries which through asking for information, furnish new or unpublished details concerning the matter in hand. It is desirable to make the Queries proper, brief and as much to the point as possible.

The *China Review* for July and August, 1875, is at hand. It says that forty-two essays were sent in to compete for the best paper on the subject of Christianity, the development of a State. All our learned societies should subscribe to this scholarly and entertaining Review. It is a sixty-page, bi-monthly, repository of what scholars are accomplishing about China. The lecture on Chinese Poetry in this volume is alone worth the price of the Review. It contains *China Review*, Hongkong—*Northern Christian Advocate* (U.S.).

Traveller's Oriental Record contains the following notice of the *China Review*:—"This is the title of a publication, the first number of which has been sent from Hongkong, where it has been set on foot as in some respects a continuation of *Notes and Queries on China and Japan*, the extinction of which useful serial a year or two ago has been much regretted in Europe as well as in China. The present publication, judged by the number of subscribers, is intended to occupy a position, as regards China and the neighbouring countries, somewhat similar to that which has been filled in India by the *Calcutta Review*. The great degree of attention that has been bestowed of late years upon the investigation of Chinese literature, antiquities, and social developments, to say nothing of linguistic studies, has led to the accumulation of important stores of information, rendering some such channel of publicity as is now provided extremely desirable; and contributions of papers highly creditable to their respective authors. In a paper on Dr. Legge's *Shi King*, by the Rev. E. J. Eitel, to which the place of honour is deservedly given, an excellent summary is presented of the chronological problems and arguments involved in connection with this important work. Some translations from Chinese novels and plays are marked by both accuracy and freshness of style; and an account of the career of the Chinese postman of the eleventh century, Su Tung-p'o, by Mr. E. C. Bowring, is not only highly valuable, but is also distinguished by its literary grace. Beside notices of new books relating to China and the East, which will be a useful feature of the Review, we are glad to notice that 'Notes' and 'Queries' are continued, and find a place in its pages also. It is to be hoped that this opening for contributions on Chinese subjects may evoke a similar degree of literary zeal to that which was displayed during the lifetime of its predecessor in the field, and that the *China Review* may receive the support necessary to insure its continuance. The publication is intended to appear every two months, and will form a substantial octavo magazine."

THE CHINESE MAIL.

This paper is now issued every day. The subscription is fixed at *Four Dollars* per annum delivered in Hongkong, or *Seven Dollars Fifty Cents* including postage to Coast ports.

It is the first Chinese Newspaper ever started under purely native direction. The chief support of the paper is of course derived from the native community, amongst whom also are to be found the guarantors and securities necessary to place it on a business and legal footing.

The projectors, basing their estimates upon the most reliable information from the various Ports in China and Japan, from Australia, California, Singapore, Penang, Saigon, and other places frequented by the Chinese, consider themselves justified in guaranteeing an ultimate circulation of between 3,000 and 4,000 copies. The advantages offered to advertisers are therefore unusually great, and the foreign community generally will find it to their interest to avail themselves of them.

The field open to a paper of this description—conducted by native efforts, but progressive and unobstructive in tone—in almost limitless. It is on the one hand commands Chinese belief and interest while on the other deserves every aid that can be given to it by foreigners. Like English journals it contains Editorials with Local, Shipping, and Commercial News and Advertisements.

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Advertisers and the Public.

Visitors' Column.

We have instituted as an experiment a Visitors' Column, which we trust will prove successful, and be found useful. To it will be relegated from time to time such items of information, lists, tables and other intelligence as is considered likely to prove valuable to persons passing through the City, and in connection with we have opened a SELECT HOTEL AND BUSINESS DIRECTORY, applications for enrolment into which we are now ready to receive.

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Chairs and Ordinary Pullaway Boats.
Half hour, ... 10 cts. Hour, ... 20 cts.
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Two Coolies, ... 0.40

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Two Coolies, ... 0.70

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Hour, ... 10 cents.
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Day, ... 50 cents.

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piculs, per Load, ... 2.00
2nd Class Cargo Boat of 500
piculs, per Day, ... 1.50
2nd Class Cargo Boat of 600
piculs, per Load, ... 2.75
3rd Class Cargo Boat or Ha-kan Boat of 800
piculs, per Day, ... 1.50
3rd Class Cargo Boat or Ha-kan Boat of 800
piculs, per Load, ... 1.00
3rd Class Cargo Boat or Ha-kan Boat of 800
piculs, Half Day, ... 50

Sampan.
or Pullaway Boats, per Day, ... \$1.00
Half-day, ... 50
After 6 P.M., ... 10 cents extra.
Nothing in this Scale prevents private agree-
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One Day, ... 35 cents.
Half Day, ... 20
One Hour, ... 10
Half Hour, ... 5
Nothing in the above Scale to affect private
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(Revised June 23, 1880.)

In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in cents, and are, for Letters, per half ounce, for Books and Patterns, per two ounces.

Newspapers over four ounces in weight are charged as double treble, &c., as the case may be, but such papers or packets or papers may be sent at Book Rate. Two Newspapers must not be folded together as one, nor must anything whatever be inserted except bona fide Supplements. Printed matter may, however, be enclosed, if the whole be paid for by Postage. Prices Current may be paid either as Newspapers or Books.

Commercial Papers signify such papers as, though Written by Hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, such as invoices, deeds, copies of music, &c. The charge on them is the same as for books, but, whatever the weight of a packet containing any partially written paper, it will not be charged less than 5 cents.

The sender of any Registered Article may accompany it with a Return Receipt on paying an extra fee of 5 cents.

The limit of weight for Books and Commercial Papers for Foreign Post Offices is 4 lbs. Patterns for such offices are limited to 8 ounces, and must not exceed these dimensions: 8 inches by 4 inches by 2 inches.

N.R. means No Registration.

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The Union may be taken to comprise Europe, most foreign possessions in Asia, Japan, W. Africa, Egypt, Mauritius, all America, Mexico, Salvador, Chili, Brazil, Peru, Venezuela, The Argentine Republic, Jamaica, Trinidad, Guiana, Honduras, Bermuda, Labuan, with all Danish, French, Netherlands, Portuguese and Spanish Colonies.

Countries not in the Union.—The chief countries not in the Union are the Australasian Group.

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General Rates, by any route—
Letters, 10 cents per 1 oz.
Post Cards, 5 cents each.
Registration, 10 cents.
Newspapers, 5 cents each.
Books, Patterns and 2 cents per 2 oz.
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There is no charge on redirected correspondence within the Postal Union.

Postage to Non-Union Countries.

European Kingdoms.
Letters, 10
Registration, None.
Newspapers, 5*
Books & Patterns, 5*

West Indies (Non Union), Bolivia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, New Granada, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, &c.

Letters, 30
Registration, None.
Newspapers, 10
Books & Patterns, 10

Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and Fiji, via Torres Straits, Letters, 12; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 4; Via Galle, Letters, 25; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 5.

Natal, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension, via Aden, Letters, 25; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 5.

* A small extra charge is made on delivery.
† There is no postage to British W. India Islands, 10 cents. To the Bahamas and Hayti, the San Francisco route is available.

‡ Registration via San Francisco, 10 cents.
§ Cannot be sent via San Francisco.

LOCAL POSTAGE.

Between Hongkong, Canton, and Shanghai, per 1 oz. of letters, 10 cents.

Between any of the following (through a British or Chinese agent) and the following (through a British or Chinese agent), per 1 oz. of letters, 10 cents.

Amoy, Canton, Hongkong, Shanghai, Swatow, Tientsin, Yokohama, &c.

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Local Parcel Post.

1. Small Parcels may be sent by Post between any of the Post Offices in China or Japan, as well as to Macao, Pak-hoi, Singapore, Penang, and Malacca. They must not exceed the following dimensions: 2 feet long, 1 foot broad, 1 foot deep, nor weigh more than 10 lbs.

2. The following cannot be transmitted: Parcels insufficiently packed or protected, or liable to be crushed (as handboxes, &c.), Glass, Liquids, Explosive substances, Matches, Indigo, Dye-stuffs, &c., Meat, Fish, Game, Fruit, Vegetables, or whatever is dangerous to the Mails, or likely to become offensive or injurious in transit.

3. Parcels will as a general rule be forwarded by Private Ship, not by Contract Mail Packet. The Post Office reserves the right of selecting the opportunity for transmission, and of delaying delivery in case the number of parcels is such as to retard other correspondence. No responsibility is accepted with regard to any parcel, but the system of Registered parcels may be wholly closed if they bear this special endorsement, PARCEL, CONTAINING NO LETTER, but any parcel may be opened by direction of the Postmaster General.

4. The public are cautioned not to confound these facilities with a Parcel Post to Europe, &c., which does not exist.

Most countries to which Hongkong forwards Correspondence having joined the Postal Union, it is necessary that the following rules be strictly observed.

1. No Letter or Packet, whether to be registered or unregistered, can be received for Postage if it contains gold or silver money, jewels, precious articles, or anything that, as a general rule, is liable to Customs duties.

2. This Regulation prohibits the sending of Patterns of suitable articles, unless the quantity sent be so small as to make the sample of no value.

3. The limits of weight allowed are as follows:—
Books and Papers—to British Office, 5 lbs.; to the Continent, &c., 4 lbs.
Patterns—to British Office, 5 lbs. if without intrinsic value; to the Continent, &c., 8 oz.

Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Letter.

The Post Office is not legally responsible for the safe delivery of Registered correspondence, but henceforth it will be prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence lost while passing through the Post Office to the extent of \$10, in certain cases, provided—

1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration require.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, the envelope being invariably forwarded with such application unless it also is lost.

4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Postal Administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, or by the dilatory or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for mere damage to fragile articles such as portraits, watches, handsewn bound books, &c., which reach their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition.

Money Order Regulations.

1. Money Orders are exchanged with the United Kingdom, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and Port Darwin, the Straits Settlements, Western Australia, and (except at Shanghai) with the Japanese Empire. Hongkong also issues orders on Shanghai, and vice versa.

2. Small sums may be remitted between the other Ports by means of Postage Stamps, subject to a charge of one per cent. for cashing them.

3. Many Money Orders are supplied to residents at the smaller Ports in this way. An application for an order is filled up, and is enclosed with a stamped, directed, and unsealed envelope to the Postmaster at the nearest landing office. The application must be accompanied with the full amount (including commission) in cheques, postage stamps, or other equivalent of cash, and a little margin should be left for variations of exchange. The Postmaster issues the order, signed in the envelope, and returned to the sender, if any, by first opportunity, with a receipt for the letter, if it were to be registered, as it always should be. Care should be taken to send these applications in time, as the Money Order Offices close some hours before the departure of the steamer.

4. The order must exceed 210, or \$60, or include any fraction of a penny, nor will more than two such orders be issued to the same person, in favour of the same payee, by the same mail. Orders will be drawn at the current rate of the day and paid at the rate of the day when the advice arrived.

The commission is as follows:—
Orders on the United Kingdom.
Up to £2, ... 18 cents.
£2 to £5, ... 25
£5 to £10, ... 30
£10 to £20, ... 35
£20 to £50, ... 40
£50 to £100, ... 45
£100 to £200, ... 50
£200 to £500, ... 55
£500 to £1,000, ... 60
£1,000 to £2,000, ... 65
£2,000 to £5,000, ... 70
£5,000 to £10,000, ... 75
£10,000 to £20,000, ... 80
£20,000 to £50,000, ... 85
£50,000 to £100,000, ... 90
£100,000 to £200,000, ... 95
£200,000 to £500,000, ... 100
£500,000 to £1,000,000, ... 105
£1,000,000 to £2,000,000, ... 110
£2,000,000 to £5,000,000, ... 115
£5,000,000 to £10,000,000, ... 120
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